

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated November 15, 2005, pending claims 30-33 are restricted from the application as being directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed. Further, pending claims 4-7, 11, 14, 16, and 20-29 stand rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 3-7, 11-13, 16, and 20-23 of U.S. Patent No. 6,708,589.

Restriction Requirement

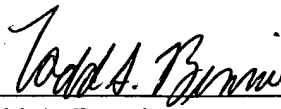
Pending claims 30-33 are restricted from the application as being directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed. Applicants withdraw, without traverse, from consideration claims 30-33.

Double Patenting Rejection

Pending claims 4-7, 11, 14, 16, and 20-29 stand rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 3-7, 11-13, 16, and 20-23 of U.S. Patent No. 6,708,589. Responsive thereto, the owner of U.S. Patent No. 6,708,589 and the above-referenced application, Metaldyne Machining & Assembly Company, Inc., files herewith a terminal disclaimer, including the required fee under 37 CFR 1.20(d). Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of this rejection and an indication that claims 4-7, 11, 14, 16, and 20-29 are allowable.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding this case, the Examiner is encouraged to call undersigned counsel at his convenience.

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